

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA DARRELL LOWE,

INDICTMENT

Defendant.

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The Grand Jury charges:

False Information and Hoaxes

On or about January 22, 2024, in Muskegon County, in the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division,

JOSHUA DARRELL LOWE

intentionally conveyed false and misleading information, that is, that there might be a bomb on a cruise ship, under such circumstances where such information may reasonably have been believed, that indicated that an activity was taking and would take place, that would constitute a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 40 (Explosive Materials), specifically, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(i) (malicious damage or destruction by means of explosives); and Chapter 113B (Terrorism), specifically, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2332f(a)(1) (bombings of places of public use).

Specifically, the defendant sent an e-mail to Carnival Cruise Lines stating, “Hey, I think someone might have a bomb on your sunrise cruise ship” after the Carnival Sunrise cruise ship departed from Miami, Florida with a full complement of passengers and crew. As a result of the false and misleading information, a full ship search was conducted (including visually checking

more than a thousand guest cabins), and the ship was escorted into its next port of call by the Jamaican Marine Police.

18 U.S.C. § 1038(a)(1)
18 U.S.C. § 1038(a)(1)(A)

A TRUE BILL

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